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1. BRAZILIAN PRESS HAS CARRIED BRIEF ACCOUNTS OF THE UN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM MEETING IN NAIROBI, GIVING SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ARGENTINE PROPOSAL FOR PRIOR CONSULTATIONS ON EXPLOITATIONS OF SHARED NATURAL RESOURCES.

2. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO QUOTES BRAZILIAN FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT ALTHOUGH BRAZIL ALONE VOTED AGAINST THE "PRIOR CONSULTATION CLAUSE" THE INCREASED NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS SIGNALS A CHANGE OF THE TREND OBSERVED IN PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES REPORTEDLY HAVE STATED THAT COUNTRIES, WHICH PREVIOUSLY VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CLAUSE FOR POLITICAL REASONS, HAVE NOW BEGUN TO APPRECIATE THE "TECHNICAL" ARGUMENTS
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PRESENTED BY BRAZIL. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, THE

CHANGE OF POSITIONS WILL FURTHER FAVOR BRAZIL, AS THE
ISSUE LOSES ITS POLITICAL CAST AND AS ITS TECHNICAL AS-
PECTS ARE ANALYZED.

3. IN A SIMILAR VEIN, O JORNAL DO BRASIL NOTED THAT,
DESPITE BEING OUT VOTED IN NAIROBI, THE FOREIGN OFFICE
CELEBRATED THE 20 ABSTENTIONS. O JORNAL STATED THAT
INDIA, INDONESIA, TURKEY AND AUSTRALIA ABSTAINED, ALTHOUGH
THEY HAD LONG SUPPORTED ARGENTINA'S POSITION. THE NEW-
PAPER ALSO SAID THAT THE IRAQ DELEGATION BECAME AWARE OF
POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR OIL DEPOSITS EXTENDING BEYOND
NATIONAL BOUNDARIES AND DECIDED TO ABSTAIN.
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